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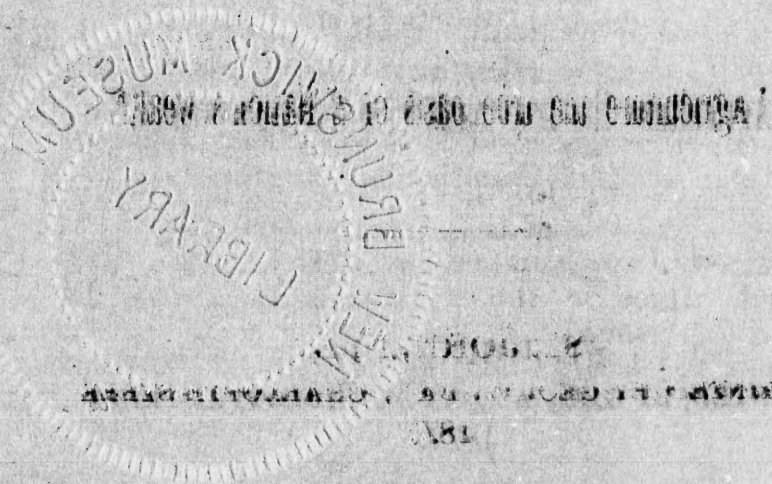
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OF THE

Provincial Farmers' League

OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the
**PROVINCIAL FARMERS' LEAGUE OF NEW
BRUNSWICK.**

The Provincial League shall be composed of
the President, Vice President, and Treasurer,
and two delegates from each County League,
together with two delegates to be elected by
each Agricultural Society in the Province.

That the Leagues now established in the
different Counties, be and the same are declared
County Leagues, and that County Leagues
formed in other Counties be recognized.

The Officers of the County Leagues to be
elected by the members of said Leagues until
such times as the Parish Leagues may be
formed, when they may send — Delegates
each, to County Leagues. [Blank to be filled
by County League]

OBJECTS.

1st. To promote a closer union of the Farmers of this Province.

2. To create a greater desire for the knowledge of practical and scientific Agriculture.

3. To devise means for the better development of our Agricultural resources, acquiring statistical information thereof, and to secure a proper recognition of our interests in the Legislature.

4. To establish County and District Leagues.

5. To increase the comfort and enhance the beauty of our homes, thereby making farm life more acceptable to our families and ourselves.

6. To work in harmony with all existing Agricultural Societies, and kindred institutions, cultivating an honest rivalry for the common good.

7. To foster mutual understanding and co-operation, by meeting, talking, buying together, and in generally acting for our protection and advancement, as association may require.

8. We propose to avoid Litigation as much as possible, by arbitration in the League, striving to secure harmony and good will, and make our League perpetual.

Faithful adherence to these principles will ensure our moral, mutual, social and material advancement.

OFFICERS.

1. The Officers shall consist of a President, one Vice-President for each County; a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, consisting of two members from each County, who, with the Officers elect, shall form a Board of Directors.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial League; in case of his absence a Vice-President shall fill the Chair.

3. The Chairman shall preserve order, and shall put all motions and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the League.

4. The Secretary of the Board shall duly record, in a book kept for that purpose, all minutes, resolutions, decisions, or other proceedings of the League, entering therein all accepted reports, orders and resolutions; and shall notice reports, memorials and other papers submitted, either by their titles, or a brief description of their contents. He shall attend to all correspondence in connection with the League, and make an annual report of the same.

5. The Treasurer shall pay all orders of the President, countersigned by the Secretary, out of moneys which may come into his hands, and shall submit, at the Annual Meeting, accounts of the receipts and expenditures.

6. The Annual Meeting shall be called at such time and place as the Board of Directors may decide upon.

7. Special Meetings shall be called by order of the President, or on the requisition of five members of the League made to him.

8. The Board of Directors may be summoned to meet, at any time, and place, (as provided by the previous section) and may deal with such matters as may be submitted to them, reporting their proceedings to the next regular meeting.

9. County Leagues are hereby required to pay to the Treasurer of the Provincial League the sum of fifteen cents per year for each regular member, and the delegates from each Agricultural Society the sum of \$2.00 annually on or before the Annual Meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting, and amendments, or approval of the same.
2. Presentation of petitions and communications.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
6. New business.

RULES OF ORDER.

Sec. 1. All questions relative to priority of shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 2. All motions shall be in writing when called for by a member. No debate shall be allowed except on a motion regularly before the meeting, but a motion may be prefaced.

Sec. 3. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chair shall decide who has the floor.

Sec. 4. A member being called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

Sec. 5. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than ten minutes on any question, without leave from the Chair.

Sec. 6. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Chair, and confine himself to the matter under discussion.

Sec. 7. No motion shall be put or debated unless the same be seconded, after which it shall be stated by the Chair, before debate.

Sec. 8. After a resolution is stated by the Chair, it shall be deemed in possession of the League; but by permission of the League, may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

Sec. 9. A motion to adjourn the League shall be always in order, except, 1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2nd, while the yeas and nays are being called; 3rd, while the members are voting; 4th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken; and a motion to adjourn simply cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given day may be open to debate.

Sec. 10. That no member shall be eligible for the office of President, or Vice-President, for more than one year in succession.

Sec. 11. These By-Laws may be added to, or repealed, or amended, by a majority vote of all the members present at any general meeting of the Board. Notice of such amendments having been given at a previous general meeting, and entered upon the Minutes.

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